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Mr. Roy Denmark
Chief of Operations
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

Dear Mr. Denmark:

On June 15 and 16, 2004, I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at five U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects located within the Philadelphia District. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, Beltzville Lake, Blue Marsh Lake, Jadwin Dam, Prompton Lake and Francis E. Walters Dam..

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2005, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 27, 2004.

I have also enclosed a pest alert on the emerald ash borer, *Agrius planipennis*. This exotic beetle feeds on various species of ash and is a major threat to the ash resource of the region. Emerald ash borer has been detected in areas of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. The two most common ways of spreading emerald ash borer is through the movement of infested nursery stock or through the movement of infested fire wood. Additional information on emerald ash borer can be found at www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter or emerald ash borer. Also, if there is an error in the contact person for any of the sites, please notify me of this change.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
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Enclosure



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